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The Collection of News.

The measure of enterprise in a newspaper is the amount and value of its news. The extension of the railroad and telegraph system, with the growth of the Associated Press, and the employment of special agents, have made the quick collection of news possible over a large portion of the world. Such results, however, are reached by the expenditure of large sums of money, as well as the employment of trained writers in every department. Important as this work is, it still leaves a large field unexplored. The great Metropolitan dailies have little room for the news which is only of interest to small communities. Yet upon the distribution of this intelligence depends the life and growth of the village from whose prosperity the nation must in the end draw its power. Interested as we undoubtedly are in national affairs, we are as deeply concerned in the growth of our own little town, with its currents of church, society and club-life.

For the collection of this news there are fewer resources. The circulation of a local paper must necessarily be small; its advertising rates low; its facilities in every way somewhat cramped. For its editorials, communications, and news it must be dependent upon home charity. Those who can must furnish the news. Reward must come in the shape of self gratification or honor; both slow pay masters.

From many sources we hear words of commendation for the work of THE CITIZEN. Its news is enjoyed; its editorial work is appreciated; yet, now and then there is a word of mild complaint. Why don't you give us more news? Why are our entertainments not reported?

In conducting this paper the editors have done the best they could with the resources at hand. They have no paid reporters to do their bidding. For news they must depend upon kind friends or furnish it themselves.

Volunteer contributors have appeared in many places; one reporting the news for one church, another for another. This man reports his own club, that gives the news in his neighborhood. Yet, after all the field is not covered. Some of the churches have no regular contributor. Their news is received and published at random. Such a system is unsatisfactory alike to editors and people. Despite some doubts about it, we are liberal. We want every clique, club, church, Sunday school, or organization of any kind represented in our news columns; and look to them to furnish at once the news and a satisfactory report of it. Extreme humility has no place in newspaper work. Not what you cannot do, but what you can do is important. Write the news about your neighbors and be sure that in due time they will write about you.

The holiday season is near at hand. Preparations are making in all the churches. Society is perhaps meditating some new departure. Everybody is interested in Christmas. Everybody wants to know how others will enjoy themselves. It is no time for selfishness. It is a time to take others into confidence, and explain to them the hidden mysteries of sociability and good fellowship. Shall we know of these preparations in advance? Shall we have full reports of their success or failure? We shall see. If we do not you should not blame the editors, but have both leisure and ability, will not give their time to aid a good movement. Next to the performance of great deeds, happy the people who have a worthy historian! Perhaps THE CITIZEN is as good a paper as the people deserve, since they might make it better if they chose.

THE Brookside School was closed on Monday, by order of the President of the Board of Trustees. Since last summer, there have been a large number of cases of diphtheria in the neighborhood, several of which have terminated fatally. At present there are not more than two or three children seriously ill, and the further spread of the disease is apparently checked. There have been a few cases of scarlet fever in the village, but otherwise the health of the

scholars has been good. During the week, one of the teachers at the Centre School remarked that her classes were unusually full. A prominent physician has not had a case of scarlet fever in three months. The laws requiring the formation of Health Boards, and townships give authority to such Boards to close private schools, colleges, seminaries, etc., in order to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, but provide that public schools shall only be closed by authority of the Trustees. It is not known how long the school will remain closed, as no meeting of the Board of Trustees has been held to take action upon the matter. The Board of Health has held only one meeting during the year, that for organization. The present action is apparently due to an understanding between the Health Physician and the President of the School Board. Some time last spring a request was sent by the Trustees to the town physicians that they should inform the Superintendent of Schools of any cases of contagious disease in families under their charge. Neglect of this precaution is perhaps the cause of the prevalence of diphtheria. Of the five cases of death from supposed diphtheria, three were reported to be croup and no precautions were taken. In at least one case, the certificate of burial stated the cause of death to be croup. The teachers have standing orders to dismiss all scholars from families in which any contagious disease is known to exist. There can be no danger from the presence of well children in any school, church or other place. Let physicians and teachers do their duty and the sick ones will be kept safely at home. The presence of contagious diseases has been a fact for more than six months. To close the schools indefinitely would be a great pity. Worse than that, it would be useless.

The completion of the stone road on Broad street, from the Park to Bloomfield avenue, is an improvement, the value of which will be more highly appreciated as the period of winter mud approaches. Some anxiety is expressed as to whether the road will stand the action of the frost, but we think there is no danger from this source. The Town Committee consulted competent engineers and contractors before commencing the work and have been assured that the stone bed is of sufficient depth. The cost of this road was three cents per square foot or sixty cents for each running foot, and this is not much more than it would cost to lay gravel to an equal extent. There is an abundance of time to test its value before the spring meeting to determine upon appropriations, and if the result is satisfactory it will be for the interest of the town to extend this kind of road repairs in other directions. Gravel makes a most excellent road where the travel is light, but the thoroughfares need something more solid and enduring.

This work of constructing stone sidewalks, in accordance with applications made to the Town Committee, has progressed well, and if the fine weather continues the amount laid will be equivalent to a half a mile and there will still be a small balance of the appropriation which can be used next spring. This method of extending stone walks, by which the property holder pays one half of the expense is peculiarly fair and just, and our citizens have shown their appreciation of it by the promptness with which they have applied to have walks laid in front of their property. If we continue to raise one thousand dollars per year for this purpose, it will not be long before we shall have several additional miles of good, substantial walks.

PRIVATE enterprise is not so common among us that we can afford to let it pass unnoticed. It is therefore with great pleasure that we commend the improvement made by Messrs. Geo. F. Geib and R. H. Gardner in front of their places on Broad street, near the Centre. A stone pavement is good. It is a solid, permanent, liberal improvement; but a stone curbing along the gutter, with the intervening space nicely sodded, makes a finish in which the whole town can take a sort of quiet pride. The satisfaction is none the less that it was accomplished without the expenditure of public money. We should like to see the line extended.

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Leave Glen Ridge—6.05, 7.17, 7.57, 8.30, 9.17, 10.37, 11.37 a.m. 12.53, 1.43, 3.32, 4.47, 5.27, 6.13, 7.00, 8.18, 9.43, 11.08 p.m. 12.23 a.m.

Leave Bloomfield—6.08, 7.19, 7.59, 8.32*, 9.19, 10.39, 11.39 a.m. 12.56, 1.45, 3.35, 4.49, 5.29, 6.15, 7.05, 8.20, 9.45, 11.10 p.m. 12.25 a.m.

Arrive Newark—6.23, 7.30, 8.10, 9.30, 10.50, 11.50 a.m. 1.08, 1.58, 3.47, 5.00, 5.40, 6.38, 7.26, 8.37, 10.08, 11.22 p.m. 12.34 a.m.

Arrive New York—6.50, 8.00, 8.40, 9.10, 10.00, 11.30 a.m. 12.30, 1.40, 2.30, 4.20, 5.30, 6.10, 7.10, 7.55, 9.10, 10.40, 11.55 p.m.

FROM NEW YORK.
Leave New York—6.30, 7.20, 8.10, 9.30, 10.30, 11.20 a.m. 12.40, 2.10, 3.40, 4.20*, 4.50, 5.30, 6.20, 7.10, 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 p.m.

Leave Newark—6.40, 7.15, 7.58, 8.43, 10.03, 11.03, 11.53 a.m. 1.13, 2.44, 4.13, 5.26, 6.03, 6.53, 7.48, 9.03, 10.38, 11.53 p.m.

Arrive Bloomfield—6.51, 7.26, 8.09, 8.55, 10.15, 11.15 a.m. 12.05, 1.24, 2.55, 4.24, 5.04, 5.37, 6.15, 7.05, 8.00, 9.14, 10.50 p.m. 12.04 a.m. Arrive at Glen Ridge 2 minutes later.

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